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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By the time this week's paper reaches you there will be several thousand of God's children gathered here in the beautiful city of Cleveland for the General Assembly. We confidently expect this to be in keeping with the effort of the faithful ministers and a faithful God, which would necessitate that it should be the greatest Assembly of the Church of God ever held in this City. We appreciate the fact of a growing church and a growing ministry, which holds forth the "word of life" during these dark days of growing apostasy without flinching or wavering. Those who could not come here to join us in the great convention may share our joys and trials if there be such, by remembering us in your daily prayers. We invite you to come; if, however, you cannot, we invoke the blessings of our gracious heavenly Father upon you at home. . . .

TWO NOTED ATHEISTS CONVERTED

It has been reported by The King's Business, of Los Angeles, that Dr. Charles, formerly an editor of The Godless World, an atheist journal; and Dr. Underwood, president of the "California branch of the American Association for the advancement of Atheism," have both been converted to Christ. These men, I am informed, are now both flaming evangelists of the Pentecostal faith and are traveling from city to city where they formerly lectured on atheism and are there undoing addresses as much as possible, by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Are not these brands snatched from the burnings? . . .

WATER FOR JERUSALEM AT LAST

"In The Jewish Chronicle for August 4,

its Jerusalem correspondent calls attention to an announcement of the High Commissioner for Palestine that the question of an adequate supply of water for the city is about to be solved. . . .

A RIVER OF LIVING WATER

"Few or none of Jewish leaders seem ever to think of the living supply of water that God has promised for the Jerusalem of the future. In Eze. 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; and Zech. 14:8, the Lord's prophets speak of these living waters. The passage in Ezekiel describes these waters minutely, while in Zechariah we are told there will be two streams of water, one flowing eastward and the other to the west. The description is so detailed and remarkable as are also the effects of these waters, that we must consider them to be literal. The fulfillment of the prophecy will be in the great days of millennial glory on the earth." . . .

—Jewish Missionary Mag.

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NOTICES

The counsellors are in session now and the Assembly is right at our door. Therefore, if you should not receive an immediate answer to your letter it will be for the reason above given.—Gen. Sec.

CORRECTION

In the Evangel of April 8th, which gives receipts of mission money received for the first quarter 1933, credit was given to Flint, Mich. Church of God for \$3.00 which should have been credited to Ethel M. Cosand.—General Secretary. . . .

The regular home coming of the Church of God at Alligoods, to be held Oct. 29, is drawing near. This church is situated near the N. S. R. R. about eight miles from Washington, N. C. We hope to have our state overseer present, also a good representation of the church. Those who have musical instruments bring them along. All of the nearby people bring filled baskets and let's spend a wonderful day together and make the home coming a success.—Florence Woolard. . . .

The Church of God at Bachlott, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Leola Harris Crews.—Your brother in Christ, J. F. Allen, clerk, Winokor, Ga.

TEACHERS' QUARTERLY

We have on hand a limited stock of the Sunday School Teachers' Quarterly. It contains 96 pages, and will be found very helpful in the explanation of the Sunday School lesson by Sunday School teachers. Price, single copy 20c; five or more copies to one address 17c per copy.



The Forsaken Christ

By JOHN C. JERNIGAN

Text: Isa. 53:7, 8.

"All we alike have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. * * * He was taken from prison and from judgment and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

INTRODUCTION: The text is the prophetic vision of Isaiah seven hundred or more years before Christ entered the world, in which he saw Him as a suffering, forsaken Savior. Every statement of the text was fulfilled in the life of Christ. He was not only punished and forsaken by His enemies but His very best and nearest friends forsook Him.

FORSAKEN BY HIS OWN

"He came unto his own (the Jews) and his own received him not." John 1:11. They had the privilege of making room for Him in the inn, but instead it was filled with others who were crowding in to the city to be taxed, and when Mary and Joseph arrived they were told, "There is no room for you in the inn, and they were thrust aside, being happy at least to share the shelter with the beasts of burden. It was on this memorable night, in this humble place, that Christ entered the world as an unwelcome Savior. His own had long looked for the promised Messiah but had made no preparation to receive Him. At one time He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." The supreme religious council of His own people, who should have crowned and hailed Him as their King, went into council and consulted that they might take Him by subtlety and kill Him. Judas, one of His trusted disciples, slipped away from the home of Simon the leper, where Jesus was stopping over with His disciples, and went before the supreme council and betrayed Him into the hands of sinners to be crucified. The high priest and Annas, with the council, and their friends, led

Him away to the Gentile courts and made false accusations, demanding His death as if they were unaware of the fact that they were condemning their own Messiah.

FORSAKEN BY PERSONAL FRIENDS

He called His disciples His friends, and they were, they loved Him dearly, and one time Peter declared he would go with Him unto death even though all others betrayed and forsook Him, but when the test came, alas, they all forsook Him and fled. That blood thirsty mob led by Judas so affrightened them as they laid hold upon Him in the garden that they broke ranks and fled into the dark, and Peter and John followed afar off, while there seems to be no record where the other nine spent the night. While Peter stood by the fire warming himself in the judgment hall, he was recognized by a young lady as one who was with Jesus, but he cursed and denied bitterly any knowledge of Him. When the forsaken Christ, with no one to declare His generation, set His humble yet piercing eyes upon Him, it was more than the apostle could bear, so breaking down he left the room and went out and repented, weeping bitterly and confessing his sin against the Christ to whom he had pledged his friendship, even unto death.

Jesus had two friends on the council, Joseph and Nicodemus who came to Him by night. In previous councils they had undertaken to defend Him but being so abused in their defence they doubtless decided it would be suicide to be present when Christ was arraigned before their court, accordingly they were not there but had forsaken their post of duty in fear, leaving no one to defend Him, not even a witness nor a friend to sympathize with Him.

FORSAKEN IN DEATH

Christ died surrounded by mocking enemies. His disciples who had followed Him for more than three years had forsaken Him and no one seems to know where they were when Christ died. His mother, His dearest earthly lover, was not

present to speak words of comfort, and other women who had followed Him from Galilee stood afar off weeping fearful of abuse if they came near unto Him. Joseph and Nicodemus, members of the great Sanhedrin court and personal friends of Christ, seem to have still been in hiding, but the saddest of all seems to be the fact that it was necessary that even God His Father should forsake Him until He could taste death for every man. As He sank into the dark shadows of the valley of death it would not have been so horrible, though His friends had forsaken Him, if God could have stood by His side and relieved him of the pains of death, but God turned His face away from Him while He suffered for the sins of the entire world, and Christ in His unbearable sufferings, cried, MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME? Thus He finally cried, IT IS FINISHED, and yielded up the ghost and died a forsaken death without a word of comfort from a friend.

HIS FUNERAL

Very often after one has died their friends gather in and say good things to each other about the deceased, and large crowds attend the funeral while their favorite minister relates the greatest accomplishments of their life. In the death and funeral of Christ it was not so, but Joseph went to Pilate and begged His body and wrapped it in fine linen. There seems to have been only Joseph, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus and probably Nicodemus, at the funeral. His own mother was not there, the seventy preachers that He had sent out were not there, the twelve apostles were not there, none of the great crowd that had followed and hailed Him as a heroic king was not there, not even a minister to mention the great things of life that He had done, was there, thus He was buried without a sermon, prayer or song, with no flowers nor a relative present to shed a tear.

IS HE YET FORSAKEN

There are millions who confess Him as their personal Friend and Savior, but not as bold as they should. There seems to be

a reproach that goes with His name that so many are not fond of bearing. How many times have you been caught in a hotel lobby, on the street or in a worldly-minded crowd elsewhere, that you were not free to immediately defend your Christ? A young professed Christian left his home and went to a very wicked log-

ging camp to work. On his arrival back home a friend asked him if it wasn't hard to live a Christian life among those ungodly people. He remarked, "I did not let them know I was a Christian." I am convinced that secret Christianity in this world will prevent Christ owning us in the judgment, therefore let us be bold and ready witnesses for Him.

one's spirituality, Matt. 7:15-20. 3. Different from the first mark of discipleship of divine love for each other, and equally different from the source of one's spirituality, yet particularly embodying both of them, comes the convincing proof of a believer's faith in Christ by certain tangible signs following them, mentioned in Mark 16:17, 18. From the lips of Christ we have what in his mind constituted a properly ordained minister.

On the face value of our text we have a right to expect two things to be manifested in the lives of His ministers. 1. Fruit. 2. Signs. The first attests the usefulness of the vessel as related to Christ in the furtherance of His ministry. The second verifies the minister as to his authority, and is no less a proof that he has been sent by Christ. While there was some form of introductory letter of approval used by the early church, which may have been a simple letter or even a more advanced form which could be used as a regular safeguard, perhaps answering to what we now call a "credential" or letter of recommendation, however, it is all the more certain that these particular signs are themselves the one particular evidence as to ministerial jurisprudence.

In the light of 2 Cor. 12:12; 1 Cor. 9:2; Mark 16:17-20 we have a right to expect both "fruit" and "mighty signs and wonders" to be manifested through the ministry of Christ's "sent ones." Please bear in mind that the word for "apostle," translated from the Greek simply means a "sent one." Christ was "approved of God" by miracles, wonders, and signs as an evidence of His divinity. Therefore those who are "sent" by Him as mentioned in our text, are "approved" by the same kind of a ministry as that of Christ himself; which are reviewed in the light of Mark 16:17-20; Heb. 2:4 and elsewhere. Let it no less be remembered that the manifestation of such signs through His "sent ones" are also an evidence on the part of the individual that they are also identified with Christ. The Book of the Acts of the apostles is a treatise on the ministry of Christ as manifested in the lives of His apostles, and traces the origin of all such ministry unto Christ the head of the Church, Acts 2:32-34, which identifies the work and worker with Him that sent him.

THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN

The purpose of Christ was twofold in its nature. 1. That ye should go and bring forth fruit. 2. That your fruit should remain. It would be useless to assert that all the benefits of Christ's ordainment were for the purpose of "bearing fruit." He equally included in that ordainment provision that "your fruit might remain," which necessitated permanent ability within the worker, not only to know how to win a soul to Christ or to conduct a revival but no less so how to feed and nourish a single convert or to pastor a church called by the apostles and Christ, "Feeding the flock." Therefore,

Divine Credentials

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you," Jno. 15:16. We have here two acts of Divine will. 1. A choosing out. 2. An ordainment. Neither is based on any part of human will or attainment. Rather through the choice of Him "who worketh all things after the council of his own will." The question naturally arises, What constituted the "ordination" here mentioned as administered by Jesus the Head of the Church?

TO SET, TO CONSTITUTE OR TO APPOINT

In the original the word is "ettheeka" which is derived from "titheemi" which means to set in place, to constitute or appoint to a place or function. The same word is used in 1 Cor. 12:28 where reference is made to certain ministries being placed or "set" in the church. However, the thought here mentioned is not so much the setting of individuals into certain positions, as it has to do with "placing" or appointing within their own lives the necessary authority and power incident to "produce or bring forth fruit." The bearing of fruit was the first needed thing, which alone could spring from the spiritual seed-germ of the eternal Word of God, and which must operate through the realm of the Holy Spirit. The same individuals were however, later "placed or set" within and over their respective fields of labor, to further its prosperity and preserve it from decay. It must, however, be remembered that primarily it was not caring for "fruit" already produced, but the act of devising means of producing "fruit." Therefore, it is logically in harmony with divine process to assert that Jesus here referred to the implanting of divine principle and truth in the lives of those whom He had chosen, and not the appointment alone to a certain position. It is, however, evident that such an ordainment included all necessary gifts and graces, not only for the purpose of "fruit-bearing" but as well for taking care of it after it had been produced. The sequel to our text from a spiritual standpoint, is aptly defined in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8. The endowment

of the Holy Spirit was the essential ordainment preparatory to producing "faith."

ORDAINMENT DEFINED

The essentials of such an ordainment are aptly defined within the following terms. 1. Power to herald the gospel truth, to quicken and give life to the spoken word, that it might germinate within the heart of its hearers. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Eph. 6:10. 2. Jno. 16:8-11. To reveal the things of Christ unto His "chosen" ministers, Jno. 16:13-15; 1 Cor. 2:10-12. 3. To comfort in a world of sorrow and tribulations, Jno. 16:6, 20; 2 Cor. 1:4. 4. To guide in the way of all truth. Jno. 16:13; 1 Pet. 1:11; 2 Pet. 1:21. With such an equipment the worker is not only equipped with the ability to bear fruit, but also to especially provide consolation and comfort for his own sake.

NOT AN ORDINARY CREDENTIAL

Such an ordainment is of an extraordinary nature; it is not the handing of a paper certificate through some bishop or dignitary, yet it is all that and far more. Such an ordainment proceeds from the Bishop of our souls. The credential is one of particular obscurity so far as authority from a governing church body is concerned, or a paper certificate, yet on the other hand it embodies all inspired scripture as its authority and coincidence, which provides that a minister should make "full proof of thy ministry."

WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK

The question naturally arises, Where should we look for a certificate of authority? We are frank to answer, If there be no divine evidence that a man has been called into the ministry of Jesus Christ; if there be no "fruit" within the individual life which will attest the fact of ministerial discipleship, then from a human standpoint the case is hopeless. As a matter of fact, Christ always submitted tangible evidence. 1. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one toward another." In my opinion there is nothing that so distracts from Christian brotherhood and discipleship as the lack of divine love among God's ministers. 2. "By their fruits ye shall know them." In this case the reference is to the fact of discipleship and no less to the origin of

primary and permanent ministries are found within the ordainment of Christ.

As we have already stated before, it wasn't a mere scrap of paper to show off with, or as an insignia of our official relation to, or position within the church, but it contained all that is necessary to make one a unique and successful worker for and minister with Christ, which particularly finds its outgrowth from our ordainment or spiritual relation with Christ from whom all resultant ministries flow. See Eph. 4:11 where Christ "gave" to the Church. See "for perfecting of," verse 12. For purpose of, verse 13. The ultimate aim of these ministries was for the purpose of "growth" that we "may grow up into him in all things," V. 16. Such ministries cause that "the whole body" should be "fitly joined together." That the outgrowth may be permanent all ministries originate from within Christ since He is Head of the Church, and have their accomplishment in renewing and restoring the creation back to the "one body" which is Christ of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things.

DIVINE CREDENTIALS CONCLUDE

"The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me." While the prophets' voices had heralded forth the coming of Christ in multiplied vision and form, it remained that "his own received him not, because they knew him not." There was therefore no point of contact except that "the works that Christ did bore witness of Him that God had sent Him.

Everything that bordered a single event coupled with Christ was surrounded with the supernatural. Every angle of His ministry, whether in word or act, was one of miraculous import and importance. "Never man spake like this." We never saw it on this fashion. 2. "He doeth all things well." "The lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." "Go and shew

John again those things which ye do hear and see." Such events was the answer of Christ Himself unto His inquiring disciples. His answer was one of miracle, of divine attestation; there was no place for human testimony. The same example is coupled with His own "sent ones." These signs shall follow them that believe, was His standard set. We dare not admit our calling into the gospel of Christ, if such marks of divine call and approval are not upon our ministry, without confessing our infidelity or abashing ourselves with a confession that we are in fact "weighed and found wanting" in spiritual content.

When the apostles travelled about they had little if anything to introduce them, or to identify them except a gospel of miraculous events. God stir us to the place of divine acceptance, where we shall not be identified and honored by our official position, or by the credential we carry or by the title appended to our name, but may we strive to have the stamp or mark of "Divine Credentials" coupled with our every action. It is this that will convince the world of a living Christ, and of a gospel to save from sin. This and nothing less will turn the world back from its infidelity to the "old path" wherein is the good way. Divine credentials were those carried by Moses as he swayed all Egypt under the rod of the miracle of divine power. Divine credentials were those by which Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. Nothing less than these will qualify God's servant to stand before an apostate Ahab, or backslidden Israel. Nothing less will resurrect the Church and transform it into a church of power and vision of the perishing world and the work that lies before it. Nothing less will satisfy the multitudes that are panting for such in plain view of a powerless church. God help us, and God save us from the deluge of humanism and indifference to spiritual things, that holds both the Church and the world within its grip.

We think of the commercial world as a great work. We think of the great manufacturing industries as a great work, to supply the needs of the people. We think of the great charity organization coming to the aid of those who have fallen victims to the many disasters and catastrophes of our day, administering food, clothing, etc. This is a great work indeed, yet at this point our minds drift back to the soul again, and we are bound to conclude that the saving of the soul is the greater work, for the time will soon come when we will not need these temporal things, but there never will be a time when the soul will not need happiness, and so our eternal happiness will depend on the work of saving the soul. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

THIRD: THE GREATEST ENEMY

When we think on this subject, first we would think of those who would slander us or say all manner of evil against us falsely, then we would think of those who would deceive us or those who would undermine us and take advantage of us in an undermining way. We think of those who would destroy our reputation or our influence. Then we think of those who would do us bodily harm, those who would waylay us on the highways, and mangle our bodies up or even kill the body. You say, This would be an enemy indeed. So do I, but there is a greater enemy than this; namely, the enemy of the soul. "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him." Luke 12: 4-5.

FOURTH: THE GREATEST INSTITUTION

The first thing we will call to mind is the great institutions of learning which produce the mental power of the world. We think of the great inventions that have their foundation in these institutions of learning. We think of the great scientific researches that have come from such institutions, which are being used for the comfort and welfare of humanity. We think of the great charity institutions, such as hospitals and sanatoriums, where the cripple, the blind, the maimed, the halt, are protected and cared for. We think of the great orphan homes and institutions of rescue, where women and children are saved from a cold world, and sheltered and cared for. There is no doubt about these being great institutions, yet we have another in mind that we are sure is greater, and that is the great CHURCH OF GOD, which has perpetuated the memory, oracles, commandments and precepts of our God, and in which we can find shelter and protection for the soul from the onslaughts of the enemy. And while all other institutions will fall soon or later, Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail

The Seven Greatest Things

By JOHN E. CONNATSER

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Matt. 16:26.

FIRST: THE GREATEST FACULTY OF HUMANITY

AS we let our minds run over the different faculties of humanity, we first think of the body and its many members. We think of those members that seem so important. The eye—what would a man give to save the eye? You say, All that he hath. I say, Yes, and then some. Think of the millions, yes, billions of dollars that are spent on humanity trying to save the different parts of the body, which of course is natural. But we think on the other hand of the little effort the

masses of people are making to save the soul, yet the soul is the greater faculty. You may say, Why so? Because the things just mentioned are mortal. The soul is immortal. The eyes will soon be closed to open no more. The hearing will soon be cut off to hear no more. The limbs and other parts of the body will soon go back to mother earth from whence they came. But the soul lives on, and on, and on. Therefore it should be easy to understand that the soul is the most important, or greatest faculty of humanity. Yet what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

SECOND: THE GREATEST WORK

Here we begin to let our minds drift over the great enterprises of the world.

against it." She stands as the rock of Gibraltar.

FIFTH: THE GREATEST PLAN

Thousands and thousands of ways and means committees have been appointed by the different industries of the world to formulate plans for the betterment of said organizations and general public. Today we hear of such committees, conferences and councils being held to lay plans for relief in this great depression that we are in, and there are many such plans too numerous to mention. But the greatest plan of all is the plan of salvation. Why would I say this? First, because of the great price that was paid to purchase this plan. Note, this plan was purchased, while other plans are formulated. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Heb. 13:12-13. Second, because other plans will fail, and new ones will be formulated, but the plan of salvation is for the soul, and is eternal, and will never fail.

SIXTH: THE GREATEST PERSONALITY

When we begin to think along the line of personalities, we can go away back for ages and take the biographies and autobiographies of many great personalities, such as Abraham, the great outstanding character of faith, Moses in meekness, Job in patience, and many of the prophets in their great boldness and oratory. We think of the apostles in their great courage. We think of some of the great leaders of our country in their wonderful personalities, such men as George Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Wilson, etc. Yet of all these, there is a greater

found in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Never man spake as this man spake, never man lived as He lived, never man loved as He loved, never man suffered as He suffered. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth. Who did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth. But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and by His stripes we are healed. Other men have brought many blessings to humanity, but can you fathom a personality as great as the One we have just mentioned?

SEVENTH: THE GREATEST FOOL

Methinks I can see those who perchance will read this article, as they swiftly let their minds go from one to the other whom they think to be the greatest fools. Possibly you will think of those who have lost their minds and are in the asylum for the insane, or some one who has made terrible mistakes in business, in fact, there are many things that people can do that will cause others to call them fools, or ignoramuses, idiots, and half wits, but as we look into the Word of God and begin to search, we readily find that those whom God considers to be the greatest fools are those who say there is no God, and those who neglect the other six things that we have been writing about. "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," Luke 12:20. In conclusion I will ask, Are you neglecting your soul? Are you thinking lightly of the greatest things that concern you and your eternal welfare? If so, why not bestir yourself?

fore, when the conditions were met those referred to above were at the receiving end of His blessings. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. We cannot think of receiving any blessing unless we have faith in the source from whence they come.

The source of our faith then is the Lord Jesus Christ. By having our hearts and minds centered on Him, by having our temple clean so that He will send the Holy Ghost in to abide, then we know that we can form contact with God, the great dynamo that will give us power sufficient to establish faith in the source of our justification, and we must believe that Jesus Christ our Lord is the source.

Jesus is our Mediator between God and man; He shed His blood for poor, helpless, unworthy man; He died a victim of the world's greatest tragedy that we might live and enjoy the covenant that the spilling of His precious blood brought to us. In humility He went into the Garden of Gethsemane and sweated great drops of blood, suffering untold agony and all because of the love He had for poor lost man. He could have saved Himself from death as He hung upon the cross but "not my will but thine be done." Therefore His life, His mission while on earth, and His death, supported by His love for us, establishes the source of our justification.

Consequently if we have faith in the source of our justification, we have peace with God. My beloved, I'd rather feel the thrill of God's power running up and down thru the avenues of my soul than be president of our great nation. Hallelujah!

Peace with God means not as the poet says, "Prepare to die," but prepare to live and be ready to die. If we have been justified, we have peace with God. We can live in peace, labor in peace, die in peace and, thank God, have peace after we die. To live in peace is to have a clean temple where the Holy Ghost abides. He will not take up habitation in an unclean temple. In order to do this we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We must truly follow the example Jesus set before us. True the devil with all his henchmen will be on our trail, that's his business, but, thank God we can choke old man Devil to death if we will cram enough amens, glory to Gods, and hallelujahs into the old deceiver's mouth. Some of his human workers will circulate false accusations against us, but, glory to God, telling a lie doesn't make it so. We can live without sin and we aren't God's elect until we do.

The sum total of the entire thing is that justification by faith through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brings us peace with God and peace with Him means our lives measure up to His standards and some day we'll enter into that pearly white city as pure and innocent as the babe that was hidden in the manger and later added a chapter to history

Justification

By J. J. CLAYTON

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," —Rom. 5:1.

Then, according to God's Word, we are justified only by faith. Justification is the act of showing a thing to be right; acceptable proof. Then according to our text we outline our sermon thusly:

1. Condition of Justification—Faith.
2. Source of Justification—The Lord Jesus Christ.
3. The Result of Justification—Peace with God.

In the beginning we see the need of faith. We realize that we are powerless to accomplish even our slightest desires unless we have faith. My beloved, unless I had faith in the ability of the builders of the schoolhouse where I teach, I would not enter into it for fear it would fall. If I did not have faith in my own ability to teach these precious children I would seek some other vocation. If I

did not have faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ, I would still be an old sinner and following the devil's crowd around, talking about people and trying to hinder the dear souls living for Him. Daniel's faith purchased him a crown and qualified him for residence in that city to come. The most insignificant subject healed by Jesus ere they received any special aid, the man that had an impediment in his speech, the woman, the widow of Nain, whose son lay dead, the woman that had an issue of blood, and many others, had genuine faith in Him and as a consequent result immediately were granted the desires of their heart. Had it not been for that simple childlike faith these people would have never received benefit from the hands of our Savior. He isn't selfish, no, there's not one atom of selfishness in God Almighty's workings. He made conditions and made it possible for us to meet them, there-

that will never be excelled. If we meet the conditions, and we can, when the angel of death takes our spirit from this

terrestrial abode and plants it in that celestial home, we will truly be in peace while the ages roll on.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

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1ST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, HAITI, W. I.

MISSION OF THE TABERNACLE,
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Sept. 6-10, 1933

The first three days were given to fasting. Services opened Sept. 6 at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by J. D. Scotland, songs, and message of welcome by Bishop Jacques Vital Herne. He explained the reason for the convention and called to memory the trials that he and the assembly experienced the last year to maintain the real spirit of holiness among us, and it is without regret that we are in what God intended we should be, The Church of God. Brother Nancy Alexandre, trustee, was given a chance to deliver an address. He said many good things. Brother J. Vital Herne read Psa. 100. After a song the saints lifted their hands in praise to God, and after another song, we adjourned.

Service began again at five o'clock with prayer, supplications, songs, and Bible reading by Brother Max Vital Herne. Brother J. Vital Herne delivered the message and we had exhortations by Brother Pressoir, and closed with a song.

We met Thursday at 9:00 a. m. Sister L. Baron prayed and then the lesson was taught by Sister Vital Herne, giving an explanation of women's duties. Sister Baron gave some words of approval on the lesson and the service closed with a song.

At 5:00 p. m. we had songs, music and congregational prayer. After a marriage ceremony at 6:30, solemnized by Bishop Vital Herne, the sermon was delivered from Eph. 5:32. A large crowd was present.

Friday we met at 9:00 a. m. Sister Jeanne Louis led in prayer. Brother J. Vital Herne preached on "Biblical Class," and Brother M. Vital Herne preached on "Recapitulation." After this we had a peaceful discussion of the trustees on the future of the church in Haiti, then a song closed the service.

5:00 p. m. Congregational prayer. Healing service conducted by Brother Bonhome. Sermon by Brother J. Vital Herne. Many souls were made happy by the stirring sermon. A woman who was hearing the sermon ran away holding her hands to her head and crying in the streets. 9:30 Altar call and healing service.

Saturday at 9:00 a. m. was the service

of the C. of G. Y. P. E. with Brother Scotland, president, in charge. Sister Ismela Barthelmy prayed. There was great manifestation of the Holy Ghost in the assembly. Brother Scotland taught the lesson from John 4. The Bishop edited the class by explaining the plan for the future. Songs and solos followed.

Consecration of the saints in prayer came at 5:00. After a song came examination of the candidates for baptism. A new plan for the Biblical school for the preparation to the holy ministry was talked on by the Bishop. Wonderful exhortations were given by Brother Pressoir. We have five prospective ministers.

Sunday at 7:00 a. m. we left the gospel hall and all the candidates, seven in number, dressed in white, as well as the Bishop and leader, went in a truck, singing along the way until we came to the sea at Martissant. By the seaside Brother J. Vital Herne delivered an uplifting sermon, then while he went down in the sea the saints sang. We came back home singing along the streets.

At 5:30 p. m., in the gospel hall, the saints of Port Au Prince and other missions as well as friends and visitors, awaited anxiously to enjoy the program of the evening. After the usual preliminaries trustworthy boys and girls mounted the platform and rendered recitations, solos and songs in French and English which led men to believe in the risen and triumphant Jesus. Sister Vital Herne and Sister Baron said very good things concerning the Lord and the Church. Brother H. Bonhome said some good words that lifted our hearts, and the Holy Ghost caused much rejoicing.

Our annual convention closed at 8:30 by a very nice thankful address to the saints, friends and visitors by Bishop J. Vital Herne. In conclusion we wish to thank the whole brotherhood who have helped us in various ways.—Respectfully submitted, J. Vital Herne, and J. D. Scotland.

JAMAICA, B.W.I. CONVENTION

The Jamaica annual convention convened at Kingston, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Aug. 30th at 7:30 p.m. the service was opened with songs and concert prayers. The welcome address was given by the writer and I am sure every one was made to feel welcome. Next was the introductory sermon by our overseer, Brother Z. R. Thomas. A good lively testimony service followed conducted by our beloved Brother H. A. Hudson. The Lord's presence

was felt. Saints danced and shouted and were made to feel good in the Holy Ghost. Many came to the altar seeking different experiences but no one seemed to have prayed thru.

Thursday morning at 7:30 service opened with songs and prayers followed by the call of churches. Owing to the financial depression not many pastors were present, but from reports sent in and from those representing, we can say the work in Jamaica on the whole is encouraging. The "General Instructions" from the overseer brought this service to a close.

We gathered back at 1:30 p. m. The messages given by different speakers were uplifting and inspiring. Sister E. Munroe preached on "The Birth of Christ" and God surely did bless. Brother A. Lawney preached on "Christ Turned Water into Wine." The next message "Christ Healed the Sick" by Sister D. Henry was fine. The dear Lord richly anointed Brother C. T. Johnson in delivering a message on "Christ Raised the Dead." A sermon on "The Crucifixion of Christ" by Brother Bryan followed this.

We then came to the sad part, the handshakes and goodbyes, realizing the expected departure of our beloved overseer. I feel that this convention has been the best. Such sweet fellowship and unity that was felt from start to finish! Three were added to the church and others looking this way. Please pray for us.—Your humble servant, E. Clarkson, clerk.

16 ADDED TO CHURCH

HIGH POINT, N. C.—A successful revival has just closed in High Point, N. C. Brother E. M. Bryant did the preaching. We did not keep a record of just how many were blessed but a goodly number. Sixteen were added to the church during the revival. Four more were added since. Fifteen were baptized in water with four more to be baptized yet. Brother Bryant is a wonderful preacher. We as the Church of God appreciate him. The people at High Point love Brother Bryant and want him to come back.

Pastors, I can recommend Bro. Bryant to you. He goes to a place to build it up and does his work with the cooperation of the pastor. If your church is in need of a revival you will do well to get in touch with him. I say, praise God for Brother Bryant.

The Church of God in High Point is rising and shining. A year ago there was no Church of God in High Point. The writer came here and started a revival. The Lord blessed and we set a small church in order. Today we have forty members. We are planning on building a church house soon. Pray for us here in High Point. It is one of the finest cities in North Carolina and there's a Church of God here too which makes it better. We are already looking forward to the Assembly. We hope to meet all of you there.—D. R. Robinson, pastor, 425 Mangum Ave.



Opening of the Bible Training School's Regular Term and Musical Normal - - October 16th

Immediately following our General Annual Assembly, the Bible Training School will have its opening of the sixteenth annual regular school term and third annual Musical Normal, at the Church of God Auditorium, corner 24th and Montgomery streets, Cleveland, Tenn.

We are hoping and praying again this time for the best term in the history of the school, with the largest attendance. Prospects are good. A number of the students have come in already and many more are planning to be here for the beginning. These next few days are precious. Don't let the enemy cheat you out of attending B. T. S. this time. As in a race, the last dash counts, so do your best.

Professor Rivington M. Lord, Grand Ledge, Mich., a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Harbor, will be our piano teacher this year. Brother Lord is an accomplished and talented musician, and comes to us highly recommended as a splendid teacher in piano and piano technic. He is a Christian gentleman. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost this last year, and is a member of the

Church of God. We certainly feel that God has His hand on this man, bringing him into a deeper life and closer walk with Him, and truly his talent can be used here and will be such a blessing to us. Brother Lord is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sister Heath, Morgantown, Miss.

Let us pause here just a bit, in memory of Sister Heath. We feel keenly our loss in the recent and lamentable death of Sister Heath. She was such a good, saintly, Christian character. Her music, love for and work among the young people will not be forgotten by those who knew her, and altho' she did not serve a day teaching in B. T. S. we are glad to have had her a member of the faculty preparatory to this term.

You no doubt will be glad to learn that, Miss Maudelle Morse, Dunn, La., a graduate of Delhi High School, and a student for near two years in Washington State Normal College, Seattle, instead of returning to college is coming to assist Miss Mildred Blackwell with the High School subjects in B. T. S. this term. Sister Morse is a good Christian young lady.

She is a member of the church, and has attended C. of G. services and Sunday School ever since a little tot.

Professor Otis L. McCoy will have charge of the music in Bible School again this term. If it is not at all possible for you to attend our Regular Term, come for our Six Weeks Musical Normal.

We so heartily welcome Brother Lord to become a member of the faculty, and Sister Maudelle Morse as teacher and student at this time. Then we, your faculty, wish to welcome everyone of the students to this term, and promise to be the greatest blessing to you we possibly can be.

ATTENTION! All students attending the Assembly, remember we have our exercise on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8th. Do not fail to be there, D.V. We want to file your application to B. T. S. as soon as you arrive.

May God bless you, and we are eager to meet you at the Assembly and most assuredly at the School the morning of the 16th.—J. H. Walker, Supt.

NEW FIELD ENTERED

We are glad to report a new field has been entered in behalf of the Gospel of Christ, with several souls blessed.

Brother Chas. Burkett of Bristol, Tenn. and the writer went to Toesane, N. C. about four months ago and preached the Word for about ten days in the homes of the writer's relatives and friends, with much good done. Then July 1st the writer went back and told them some more about this good way, at which time three souls were sanctified. We left the evening of the 4th, but received word that the next night after our departure one of the sisters that was sanctified received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

Sept. 5th Brother Geo. Bailey and I returned and opened fire on Satan and his force again. We remained until Sept. 10th.

with one soul saved, three sanctified, and four baptized with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord.

These people are principally Baptist and are honest-hearted and love the Word of God in its purity. We want you to pray that God will bless this place and give them a church in which to worship. They are out of a home (or church) because the Baptist are erasing them from their church record. We know about fourteen or more who have told the Baptist committee to erase them from their records.

There is enough good material to set a church in order at this place, there being six with the baptism and many others looking this way. Saints pray everywhere for this new field that God will reap a great ingathering of souls here. There is a young Baptist minister at this place, who has been afflicted for some

time but is recovering, and he is giving God the praise and honor for the same. He went to the extent of medical aid and found no relief but says the prayer of faith has been heard in his behalf. He is desirous of this blessing and hopes to attend the General Assembly. Pray that God will make it possible for him to be there. Saints pray for us that we may be just what God would have us to be.—Yours in Christ, J. Carl Conley.

A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE

RHINE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful healing power the Lord has manifested in the home of my sister here. Her baby boy was very sick with spasms which lasted nearly all day until eight-thirty that night. We prayed for him and the Lord healed him, thank the Lord.—Eula M. Harrell.

A GREAT SUCCESS

BOSWELL, Pa.—The first Y. P. E. convention of Pennsylvania was held Sunday, Sept. 10. Brother Rolla Muncy, our district superintendent of the Y. P. E., requested me to report this convention, which I am delighted to do because I like to boost our young people every time I have an opportunity. I surely am proud of them and their efforts for God.

Our Y. P. E's. are all large and doing business for God. They are striving to make their services spiritual and evangelistic and their programs are so arranged and carried out that an altar call can be given at the close of any of their services.

Any church without a Y. P. E. had better wake up and organize one right away and watch the church take on new life. Any church that can have a Sunday School can have a Y. P. E.

Now it is generally believed that a wide awake spiritual leader will produce that kind of a people, so this may be the secret of the success of our first district convention of the Y. P. E's. for surely Brother Rolla is a real man of God, wide awake, loved and respected by both young and old. God has surely blessed him with a natural leading ability which does not interfere in the least with the sweet, humble spirit which manifests itself at all times. I am sure that any body of young people will just have to march forward under such leadership.

Now for the convention: The Y. P. E's assembled about ten o'clock until the church was crowded and some had to stand, the young people taking the front of the building. The choir was filled with singers and musical instruments, with Brother Eddy Tipton leading the singing for the most part. Brother Rolla was in charge of the program. From the first song to the last amen we could feel the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit. Every one was at his best and must have been pretty well prayed up to bring such a sweet atmosphere. The young people must have felt their responsibility for the success of the convention because they surely conducted themselves above reproach.

The superintendent was very considerate of us older people and threw the afternoon service open for testimonies for an hour, which gave us a chance to express a little of what was down in our souls. For one I just had to weep to see those precious young people serving God. How it swells our souls to see our children doing well and away from this wicked world in the fold of God. How we ought to pray for and encourage them to go on to greater service for God.

I would like to relate the program just as it was rendered but space will not permit so we'll dwell mostly on the speakers.

We had songs, prayers, praises to God solos, duets, trios, quartets, children's choruses, and instrumental selections of various kinds. The Y. P. E's. did not try to run a competition against each other, but did all for the glory of God, and truly it was all good and I know God must have been pleased.

The welcome address was given by Frank Singo, president of the Boswell Y. P. E. We all felt at home. The responses were given by Bertha Bothel, Blanch Rose and William Gindlesperger. Our hearts were made to rejoice. Sister Millie Albright addressed the young people on "Christian Living." How true her remarks were concerning the way young people should conduct themselves before the world. The Williamsburg Y. P. E. leader made a talk which overflowed until it hit us older folks. Brother Raymond Nuzum preached a good sermon photographing his talk with the life of Rebecca. Sister Everly pictured for us in a most touching manner the Christ during His trial, death on the cross, then on to His glorious resurrection and ascension to His Father, after which the Holy Ghost was given—an old story yet ever new. Now I wish our minds could open wide enough to take it all in. Just before the afternoon recess Brother Rolla preached to the young people on "Some Sound Advice." He surely poured out his heart in that sermon. Going out in the gospel work right away leaving here for Kentucky, he felt he must clear his soul before he left. We were made to weep with him as the tears rained down his cheeks while he told the young people how the devil is after their souls, and the danger of neglecting God, using his life as an example. He praised his good, patient loving mother, and the careful watchfulness of his father that brought him out of the devil's trap to the altar where he gave his heart to Christ, hence to the ministry. He pled with parents to watch over and pray more earnestly for their children.

At 8:30 the Y.P.E. program was brought to a close with each Y. P. E. singing a special. We were then favored with a sermon on "Sin" by Brother Robt. Seyda, state overseer of Montana and member of the church at Boswell. An altar call was given, after which handshakes and good-byes were said, all feeling it had been a day well spent. Basket lunches were served on the grounds.

Let us all pray more fervently for the Y. P. E. work in general, keeping the young people busy and to the front as much as possible, making it easier for them to keep on the victory side and

less liable to be led away by the snares of the enemy.

Y. P. E. leaders, boost the Y. P. E. paper. Don't allow the paper to go down, it will be a shame! Use the paper for your programs. The paper is a program in itself. When I was leader of the Y. P. E. I sold two or three dozen copies each month during the Y. P. E. meetings to the older ones who came in and some of the members would take copies to sell among their friends during the week. After our expenses were cleared I gave out the remaining papers to sinner families who had children. I felt it was a worthy work. My boys squabble to get hold of the paper first. Why not make a success of this most worthy little paper? May God bless you all is my prayer. -- Mrs. Everett P. Kimball.

GREAT MISTAKES OF LIFE

A London judge has listed what he considers the "Fourteen Great Mistakes of Life" as follows:

To attempt to set your own standards of right and wrong, and expect everybody to conform to them.

To try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

Not to yield in unimportant trifles.

To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate, if we can, all that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowances for the weakness of others.

To consider anything impossible which we ourselves cannot perform.

To believe only what the finite mind can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the time, the day were so important that it would live forever.

To estimate people by some outside quality, for it is that within which makes the man.—The Companile.

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

ROY, Ky.—We began a revival here the second Sunday in September with Starling Smith in charge. Five were saved, five sanctified, eight baptized in water, and three added to the church. Brother Smith did some good preaching. We also had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The power of God fell in our midst. At the water the saints danced and shouted. Oh, it was wonderful.—Mary Thomas, Nancy, Ky.

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—Sister Mary Tidwell and I began a meeting Sept. 17 at Traynham schoolhouse about thirteen miles south of here. After preaching two nights she was called home on account of sickness in her home. I felt very lonely to fight the battle alone, nevertheless, I stayed on till Friday night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Many testified with tears in their eyes and said, Pray for me. Brother Cedell Helm preached the last night. Many enjoyed his first sermon. If he continues to live humble he will be a great soldier of the cross. I feel sure the Church of God will have another licensed preacher within a short time. We also expect a new church down there, as there is plenty of material. Pray much for us.—Yours for the Master, Maud Medlin.

CLAYTON DIST., Ga.—I wish to report briefly our work in this district. We have really enjoyed being with the good people of North Georgia. God surely has some true blue children here. I praise Him for the wonderful way He has blessed us. Several have received the Holy Ghost this year and we have had the happy privilege of setting two churches in order in the district. Many times we have felt the loving hand of God as He would set His approval on our work for Him and His church. We have fought some hard battles to stand for a clean church and a clean gospel out thank God we are still in the battle and have gained friends for the church here. I don't know just where the Lord will send us another year but we would like very much to evangelize. We love the people of this district and pray God to bless every one who has been so kind to us and stood by us with their prayers and finance. Pray much for us as we have the enemy to fight.—Your brother, J. E. Ledford, district pastor.

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the few nights' meeting we have just had. Brother and Sister Keith were with us. Brother Keith did some wonderful preaching. We had a good time in the Lord. Several souls were blessed and the saints revived. We love Brother and Sister Keith. He is a wonderful man of God and was our pastor last year. We hope to get him back again.

Pray that I may ever stay humble and under the blood till Jesus comes or calls for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lena Goins.

FALKVILLE, Ala.—A wonderful revival closed here Aug. 20. Some were saved and sanctified and eight received the Holy Ghost. Eleven were added to the church.—Bertha Nelson.

SHAMROCK, Tex. I praise God for the good revival He gave us at the Davis schoolhouse, eighteen or twenty miles northeast of here. About twenty-five were saved, twenty sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water and twenty-two added to the church. We did not set a church in order as they have no building. Also we thank the Lord for the good meeting at Shamrock church in July. Brother Chambers was with us in this meeting. Twenty were saved, eighteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen added to the church, making thirty-nine added in this revival and the one at Davis schoolhouse, and one came in by transfer. Nine came in last year, making forty-nine additions for the two years we have been here. Our membership is now seventy. We thank the Lord for this. We thank Him for the good saints who helped us during the revival at Davis schoolhouse. Please pray for us that we may stay humble so the Lord can use us to His glory.—J. J. Gilley, pastor.

WAR, W. Va.—I praise our Eternal King for a wonderful home coming which we have just enjoyed. The dear Lord blessed wonderfully. I thank Him for the Church of God at War. God is blessing His children. Fifty have come into the church this year and there are great prospects for more. I ask every saint to pray for us that we may do our duty. We have had wonderful revivals this year. I thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother and Sister Solomon Scalf. God has blessed them and the church is proud of them. We need more praying men and women and the church will move on. Brother Scalf is a praying man. Our Sunday School has increased from eighty to one hundred fifty. Of course the devil is working but God has power over him. I love the Church of God and her teachings. Pray for me and my family.—A brother in Christ, T. S. Station.

BLUEFIELD, Va.—God is blessing in a wonderful way in the revival here which has now been going for about six weeks. Brother L. L. Vaught conducted the services for the first week or two. The Lord used him in a great way in giving out the soul stirring messages from night to night. Then Brother Oscar Mc-

Daniels joined us and is doing the preaching now. A number have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and the work is looking more encouraging than for some time. We truly thank the Lord for a pastor like Brother Vaught, who will stand by the church in the darkest hours and see it safely thru to victory, as he has done here. We feel that he has accomplished much thru the help of the Lord and his untiring efforts for the Church. The work is prospering and doing nicely and we are still expecting greater things. Please pray for the revival and the work here.—Lucile Rock, clerk.

KELLY'S FERRY Church of God.—We thank the Lord for the revival which closed two weeks ago. We thank God for His mighty convicting power that brought lost ones to see just how they stood before God. Brother Irvin, our pastor, did most of the preaching. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Seven received the Holy Ghost, three were sanctified, four saved, six added to the church, and four baptized in water. We pray this number will increase.—Your brother in Christ, Ralph Cureton.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed a good meeting here with Brother Butler in charge. Thirteen were saved, eight sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. There was much good done. If you want Brother Butler for a meeting, his address is A. J. Butler, Rt. 5, Dunn, N. C.—Ray Collins, pastor.

TROY, Tenn.—Just a word from Graves Chapel. The church there was set in order about eight years ago the third Sunday in May. Sister Louise Evans preached the first sermon in the church. We were just a small band of about seven and we had many trials and persecutions but we were established on the Rock Christ Jesus and today we have thirty-one members and are moving along nicely. Brother P. F. Graves has been our pastor for the last eight years and we all dearly love him. He has just closed a three weeks' meeting. Brother Martin of Pennsylvania assisted him. Three were saved, five united with the church and followed the Lord in water baptism. We desire the prayers of the saints that we will rise and shine.—H. F. Davis, clerk.

HIWASSEE, Tenn.—We have just closed a revival here. My brother, J. S., was with us part of the time. Several were saved and sanctified. About ten received the Holy Ghost. This was a great meeting. Three were added to the church and seven baptized in water. Pray for us here.—Your brother in Him, W. A. Walker.

TUSCUMBIA DIST., Ala.—The work in this district is moving on fine. About fifteen received the Holy Ghost and sixteen were baptized in water in the revival at Sunnyside church near Tuscumbia.

God has been blessing us fine. Brother Kitts has been doing most of the preaching. Brother Swaggerty from Chattanooga was with us for a week and his special songs and preaching were greatly enjoyed. We will be glad to have him back any time. We had a great revival near Somerville. This one was like the one they had at Cornelius' house, recorded in Acts 10th chapter. Brother M. C. Lee and wife and eleven children, some grandchildren and daughters-in-law and sons-in-law swept into salvation, not a single one left out, not even a grandchild that was old enough to know right from wrong. I set the church in order with twenty-seven members and baptized twenty-two in water. Twenty-five received the Holy Ghost. Tusculum district is in the northwestern part of Alabama and we need some good preachers to help us out. This is a big territory and only a small part of it has been evangelized. I am in a revival near Loretto, Tenn. This is a new place. Pray that the Lord will give us a good revival and many souls. We are trying to raise money to buy a gospel tent and are doing fine. Pray that God will supply the money for the tent.—Yours and His in the battle, C. E. Berryhill, district pastor.

COAL CITY, W. Va.—A church has been set in order here. About three weeks ago Brother H. S. Smith opened fire on the devil. We had a hard fight as it is a new place, but Brother Smith just stood on the Word and preached the truth till the fire fell. Praise the Lord, by His help and the good people, the victory was won for Jesus. Several were saved, two or three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. I believe many received the Word who will come in later. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing the last night. The Lord surely blessed. We had a real feast with the Lord. Brother Smith gave an opportunity for membership and fourteen came into the Church of God. Please pray for this church that it will grow and many souls be won for the Lord.—M. A. Tate, clerk, Pemberton, W. Va.

SHERIDAN, Wyo.—I came to take the pastorate of the Church of God about two months ago as Brother Pearson's successor. He was led to go to Casper and the church wanted me to take this work here. Praise God He is doing great things in Sheridan in this short time. The power of God falls and souls are seeking God and God is moving in a wonderful way. One Sunday morning the power fell at the beginning of the Sunday School. Several have gotten saved, sanctified and four or five have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Among those seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a drunkard preacher. His wife received the baptism and gave messages in tongues four hours. We are expecting a great revival in Sheridan this winter. So many of the saints seem to have the burden and evidence that God will move Sheridan mightily, which is a good sign.

I am proud to have had the privilege of setting in order the first Church of God in Wyoming. I set it in order with twenty-seven members, twelve new ones were added to the church and baptized in water and twelve baptized in water last Sunday. This will be the mother church of Wyoming. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit all over the state and give us a mighty, mighty revival. Amen.—Jacob Skultz, evangelist and pastor.

FLINT, Mich.—We started a revival here Sept. 6 and closed it Sept. 17. Brother L. G. Rouse was in charge. Many were healed of cancers and other diseases. God surely blessed. Four were saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for what He has done for us and we are expecting Him to do more. We praise Him for our dear pastor, J. L. Underwood, and his wife, and for sending Brother Rouse and family and Brother Harden here to help us.—A sister in Christ, G. M. Stoops.

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—The Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit and blessed so many souls in the five weeks' campaign at this place. The revival was in charge of Brother R. C. Stafford and wife. Brother Stafford did some good preaching through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. They had good singing and string music. Thirty were saved, thirty sanctified, thirty filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty added to the church, and thirty-four baptized in water. At the close of this meeting they went to Philadelphia, Tenn. and held a two weeks' meeting. It was an old time revival and a church was set in order with sixteen new members. The good people at these places gave them a warm welcome and they appreciated the hospitality shown them. Bro. and Sister Stafford have returned to

Cleveland to finish their third term at the Bible School. We magnify and praise the Lord for the great work accomplished during the revivals at the two churches.—Mrs. Nora Chambers.

PRESENCE OF GOD FELT

CARROLTON, Ga.—We met here Sunday, May 28th, for an all day meeting. The Lord surely did bless. Brother J. F. Brown is our pastor. He opened the service and the Lord blessed in the first prayer and He blessed all day. We enjoyed having them with us. We had dinner on the ground. I am glad to say there was plenty left. We had baptizing in the afternoon. Thirteen were baptized. The Lord blessed at the water. We met at the church afterwards and a few short talks were given by some.

We met that night at seven o'clock and had feet washing in the good old-fashioned way. The Lord surely did bless. Several messages were given out in tongues. We shouted and danced and praised the good Lord until eleven o'clock.

Brother O'Kelly from Thomaston, Ga. was with us. Brother Gossip from Alabama was here. Some were here from Cedartown, Ga. and from other places. We enjoyed having them with us. We will never forget this day. It will be one we will always like to remember.

We thank God for sending us a good pastor here. He surely is a good man and he lives the life. He left here May 31st to go to Texas. We have no pastor now, so pray for us that God will send one this way, and one who is on fire for the Church of God.

Pray for me that I'll stand true. When Jesus comes back after His Bride I want to go up with Him.—Your sister in Jesus' name, Mandy Norton, clerk.

COUPON DRIVE

After corresponding with the Octagon soap company, we have thought best to continue our coupon drive to June 1, 1934. We had planned to close it on Jan. 1 but as the winter months are the best months for collecting coupons, we are extending this.

We also request that our people be careful not to send in any coupons except the six brands of Octagon soaps and powders, six brands of Kirkman's soap and powders, and ten brands of Borden's milks. I am giving the names of the Borden's milks that have the coupon values: Pearl, Standard, Magnolia, Silver Cow, Darling, Leader, Peninsular, two brands of Star, and Challenge. We are also adding to the coupon list two Luzianne brands of coffee and Luzianne tea.

We hope our friends will help us gather these coupons for it will bring great support to the Orphanage. We will have two thousand leaflets printed and will mail them to our people throughout the States.—S. W. Latimer, Chairman of Orphanage Committee.

❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

Lesson 3—October 15

PAUL IN ANTIOCH

Text: Acts 11:19-30; Acts 12:35.

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:23c.

Time: Saul's year in Antioch was probably the year 43-44 A. D.

Place: Antioch; Tarsus; Jerusalem.

Golden Text: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.—Rom. 1:16.

Leading Thought: The gospel of Jesus Christ is for all men regardless of race or color.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

PAUL IN ANTIOCH

Text: Acts 11:19-30

RACIAL PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTION

V. 19. "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen." With the martyrdom of Stephen there arose a bitter persecution against the Christians. The word used for persecution is not the word as used here which is "thlipseos" and means tribulation. The saints were scattered abroad. The Greek word is "diasperio," meaning to scatter abroad in every direction as seed, Acts 8:1, 4; 11:19. Thru the Christians by means of tribulation the gospel seed were scattered abroad. "Traveled as far as Phenice." "The region of palms," a narrow strip of territory about two hundred miles in length and never more than thirty-five miles wide. "And Cyprus." A large island in the northeastern portion of the Mediterranean. "And Antioch." The capital of Syria, located at the northeastern corner of the Mediterranean, one of the most important cities in the Old World. "Preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only." The Word was the Gospel thru which all men might believe. It was the good news that Christ had died for the sins of the world. "To Jews only" was in harmony with John 4:22, as the Jews understood salvation. For the time they were overlooking Christ's plan in Matt. 28:19 and Mark 16:15 which included the whole world.

V. 20. "And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene." These were Jews who lived among Gentiles. Barnabas was a man of Cyprus and it will be remembered that Simon of Cyrene carried Christ's cross when He fainted under it as He bore it to Calvary. "Which, when they were come to Antioch." Driven there by persecution. "Spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus." That is, that He was their expected Messiah, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

GOD WORKING WITH THE CHRISTIANS

V. 21. "And the hand of the Lord was

with them." That is, His power was working with and thru them, Chap. 4:30; Luke 1:66. "And a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." This was the result of the power of the Holy Spirit working thru those teaching the Greeks.

V. 22. "Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem." By means of travelers this news was brought to the church at Jerusalem, telling of the success of the gospel among the Gentiles three hundred miles south. "And they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch." Barnabas was a native of Cyprus, who was brought up among Gentiles, and who was, therefore, very suitable for this work. It will be remembered that he sold land in order to supply certain needs among the Christians.

V. 23. "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad." His remarkable spirit of brotherly love rejoiced in God's grace as manifested among the Gentiles. "And exhorted them all." Thus is his name "the son of consolation or exhortation." "That with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." Perhaps knowing the many temptations that these Gentile converts would face in these heathen cities, he urged them to resist temptation and cleave unto Christ for the purpose of right living as defined by the gospel of Christ. See chapter 13:43; 1 Tim. 5:5; 2 Tim. 3:14. He proposed to warn them of dangers ahead.

V. 24. "For he was a good man." This is not a title, it is an admission of his face value and certainly an honorable meaning. "And full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." His experience coincides with that of Stephen mentioned in Acts 6:5. Such were the essential qualifications to be one of the seven deacons and is no less so today. "Preaching if we are to be used of God, for the Holy Spirit and faith are the two active agencies to demonstrate the things of God." "And much people was added unto the church." The result of the working of the Holy Spirit thru Barnabas as it was also thru St. Peter on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:41.

BARNABAS AND SAUL

V. 25. "Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul." The Hellenistic Jews at Jerusalem had some years before driven Saul to Tarsus who is now close to hand. "And unexpectedly takes up the work prepared by Barnabas for him at Antioch." It was about eighty miles from Tarsus to Antioch, about twelve hours' sail.

V. 26. "And when he came and found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people." Barnabas and Saul working together were much more valuable than one man by himself. The unselfish nature of Barnabas had made him willing to share with Saul a door that God

had opened. "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." This was a memorable event in the history of the church, when the name Christian was applied to those who followed Christ, which has now followed them nearly nineteen centuries. Heretofore they had called themselves disciples, brethren, saints, and travelers "of the way," chapter 9:2, and Nazarenes, chapter 24:5; but they are here honored with a new name which they accepted, Acts 26:28, 1 Peter 4:16.

PROPHETS FROM JERUSALEM

V. 27. "And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch." These were divinely provided as mentioned in Eph. 4:11, for the care of the church, who were perhaps led there of the Lord; men who were able to console and to exhort and teach those who had accepted Christ.

V. 28. "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit." His prophecy was neither from the sagacities of the human mind nor yet from his spirit. The methods used by him were also used by Jeremiah. "That there should be great dearth throughout all the world." A common expression for the whole Roman empire. Which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. The prophecy made by Agabus proved to be an inspired one. So likewise was the prophecy fulfilled concerning Paul mentioned in Acts 21:33.

V. 29. "Then the disciples every man according to his ability." Would to God such a remedy might be adopted today as it would serve the needs of the thousands who are hungry. For reference see Rom. 15:25, 27; 1 Cor. 16:1; 2 Cor. 9; Gal. 2:10. "Determined to send a relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judea." In strict conformity with 1 John 3:17.

V. 30. "Which also they did and sent it to the elders." That is, the officers of the church at Jerusalem. "By the hands of Barnabas and Saul." They did not appoint a committee or a commission but dignified and honored the work by sending it by certain of the chief apostles.

SAUL AND BARNABAS RETURN TO JERUSALEM

Acts 12:25

V. 25. "And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry." "It seems most probable that Barnabas and Saul sojourned in Jerusalem during the Passover, and were eye-witnesses of the events related in this chapter. They now returned to Antioch. Chrysostom remarks that the writer still mentions Barnabas first for Paul wasn't yet famous."—Deans Howson and Spence.

"And took with them John, whose surname was Mark." This is John Mark who probably under supervision of Peter wrote the gospel bearing the title of St. Mark. It is said that he was the son of Mary and cousin of Barnabas and possibly the young man who fled naked when Christ was under

DETERMINED TO REACH THE GOAL

HAMMOND, La.—Dear readers, today finds me on the Lord's side with a greater determination to reach the goal than ever before. Last month I had such a trial I almost gave up; Satan began to make me think God had forsaken me. Day and night I prayed but no relief came, then something told me I had not been keeping my promise and was drawing away from the Lord. Oh, how I cried and prayed for God to help me thru and work things out right, and He did. Praise His dear name for His mighty help!

There is a prayer on my heart now for a lost soul (a young boy) and for other things which will mean much to me and mine. Like Gideon, I put God to a test, promising Him that whatever He did would satisfy me. This has meant so much to me and I feel that I have something to praise Him for.

I ask all to pray for me that I will content myself and be patient as I promised and won't let one chance pass to praise my Savior and tell of His great promise to me. My desire is that I may always cling to the True Vine. I am just a young girl and often worldly trials and temptations come so don't forget to pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Inez Reese.

FINAL SERVICE BEFORE ASSEMBLY

DAMASCUS, Va.—To accommodate the crowd, we held our final service here last Sunday night, before leaving for the Assembly, in the high school auditorium. We believe this was one of our most effective services here. The use of the auditorium was granted free of charge thru the courtesy of Prof. W. C. Mock, principal of the school. Since May we have labored here and we find it here as elsewhere, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe. A great prejudice has been broken between the other churches and the Church of God. Hundreds are hungry for the living Word when properly and wisely presented. Pray for these people.—Faithfully in Him, P. W. Hadsock and wife.

SERVING A GREAT GOD

OWOSSO, Mich.—I thank God for answer to prayer. Last evening I was awakened from sleep suffering with neuralgia in my face. The pain was very severe but I placed the Evangel under my head, prayed, and told the Lord if He would relieve the pain I would testify of His great power. I am praising God for His manifold blessings we receive. Within a half hour's time I was asleep again.

We serve a great God and we know He hears our cries and answers in His good way. I want to be faithful and go thru the journey with Him. I ask an interest

in your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. Biskner.

MORE FAITH TO TRUST JESUS

I praise my Redeemer today for His good promises to all who will obey. We are in a good revival here now and souls are praying thru to victory. Brother Oscar York is in charge and he surely is fighting sin and the devil for which we thank the Lord.

Brother L. G. Rouse was with us Sunday night and there were wonderful healings done which gave us more faith to go on and trust Jesus. My mother had been crippled ever since she was sixteen years old and had to walk with a stick. The Lord touched her body and the power knocked the walking stick out of her hand and she doesn't use it any more, thank the dear Lord for it. Another sister received her eyesight. My brother was healed of stomach trouble, praise the Lord.

We have a wonderful Savior. I want to measure up and always be found doing His precious will. Jesus will bless us if we will only obey Him. Pray for me and my three little girls that I will teach them His Word and that Jesus will be pleased with me and bid me welcome in heaven some day.—Your sister, Idelthia Robbins, Sumiton, Ala.

WONDERFULLY MADE

In the human body there are about two hundred and sixty-three bones. The muscles are about five hundred in number. The length of the alimentary canal is about thirty-two feet. The amount of blood in an adult averages 30 pounds, or fully one-fifth of the entire weight.

The heart is six inches in length and four inches in diameter and beats seventy times a minute, 4200 an hour, 100,800 a day, 36,792,000 a year, 2,565,440,000 in three-score and ten years, and at each beat two and a half ounces of blood are thrown out of it, one hundred and seventy-five ounces a minute, six hundred and fifty-six pounds an hour, seven and three-fourths tons a day. All the blood in the body passes through the heart in three minutes. This little organ, by its ceaseless industry, pumps each day what is equal to lifting one hundred and twenty-two tons one foot high, or one ton one hundred and twenty-two feet high.

The lungs will contain about one gallon of air at their usual degree of inflation. We breathe on an average 1200 times an hour, inhale six hundred gallons of air, or 24,000 a day. The aggregate surface of the air cells of the lungs exceeds 20,000 square inches, an area very nearly equal to the floor of a room twelve feet square.

The average weight of the brain of an adult male is three pounds and eight ounces, of a female two pounds and four ounces. The nerves are all connected with

it, directly or by the spinal marrow. These nerves, together with their branches and minute ramifications, probably exceed 10,000,000 in number, forming a body-guard outnumbering by far the greatest army ever marshaled!

The skin is composed of three layers, and varies from one-fourth to one-eighth of an inch in thickness. The atmospheric pressure being about fourteen pounds, to the square inch, a person of medium size is subjected to a pressure of 40,000 lbs. Each square inch of skin contains 35,000 sweating tubes or perspiratory pores, each of which may be likened to a little drain pipe one-fourth of an inch long, making an aggregate length of the entire surface of the body of 201,166 feet, or a tile ditch for draining the body almost forty miles long.

Man is marvelously made. Who is eager to investigate the curious and wonderful works of Omnipotent Wisdom, let him not wander the wide world around to seek them, but examine himself.—Publisher Unknown.

I'M LOOKING FOR JESUS

ACWORTH, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I am a child of God, saved, sanctified, and have the sweet Holy Ghost. I received the Holy Ghost in 1912. I am trusting the Lord with both soul and body. He healed me of a goiter on my neck just after I received the Holy Ghost and there have been some wonderful healings in our home several times. Bless His good and holy name. I can't praise Him enough for what He is to me.

I have been afflicted this summer but just a few days ago the Lord healed my body. I want to honor Him and keep true. I belong to the Church of God at Toonigh. I love the Church of God tho' I hardly ever get to go to services. I seldom see any of the saints except my two daughters who have the Holy Ghost, but I love every child of God. The devil tries me hard since my privilege of going to church has been taken away but these testings are for our good, to draw us closer to God. I feel like going on.

Children, let's pray hard and wave the banner of Jesus high. I am looking for Him to come back to catch away His bride and I want to be among the number. Pray for me and especially for the unsaved of my family.—Your humble sister in Jesus, Malinda Free.

MANY RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

FAIRMOUNT, Ga.—I wish to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for a great revival held in a brush arbor near Fair Mont. Many precious souls got thru to the Lord. I set a Church of God in order with 28 members. We are planning to build a church house. We baptized four in water and several more are to be baptized later.—Your brother in the great Church of God, L. P. Shaw, Gen. Del., Lindale, Ga.

REQUESTS

I request prayer for the healing of my body. My mind is affected and my heart is failing. I am in such a nervous condition. Please pray for me. I am trusting God to heal me.—A sister, Mrs. Frank Settle.

Please pray much for me as I have troubles and the Lord understands.—Mrs. Margaret Carnes, in care of Blue Front Store, Guntersville, Ala.

I ask you to pray that I will be filled with the Holy Ghost. I have been bothered with gas around my heart for some time. I want you to pray that God will heal me. I know the Lord can heal anything. My greatest desire is to be in God's service. I want you who believe in prayer to pray for a revival that souls may get saved.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Ernest Craigmyle, Rt. 3, White Cloud, Mich.

I request prayer for the healing of my body and also for that of a friend's. — Respectfully, Mrs. Lucille Pent, Key West, Fla.

Dear saints, please pray for me. I need special prayer. Although we are many miles apart I can feel the effects of the prayers of God's children. Pray that I will be healed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lula Johnson, Ethel, W. Va.

Dear saints of God, will you please pray for the revival that is going on at Oak Grove? The altar was nearly full Sunday night.—Your sister, Mrs. Stilla Goodman, Coffeeville, Ala.

Evangel readers, I am requesting your prayers for me and my family. We have a skin disease and some of us are having chills. We have trusted God for over three years and know He can heal if we meet conditions.—A brother under the blood, L. C. Blazer, Swifton, Ark.

Dear saints, I am afflicted in body and my nerves are a wreck. I want every child of God to pray earnestly that God will heal me in His own good time. I have three brothers out in sin and two of them are very wicked. Please pray a fervent prayer that God will in some way get hold on them and save them. I am a member of the Church of God here and have the precious Holy Ghost.—Ida Montgomery, Greenville, S. C.

Please pray for the little meeting we have started, that God will have His way. We surely need prayer. Also pray that God will send a preacher. If there is a place that needs the full gospel, it is here. There is a few hungry hearts here.—Your sister in Christ, W. B. J. Dentis, Pittsburg, Ga.

Dear Evangel family, please pray for the healing of my body. I have four pre-

cious children and my husband is blind. My health is failing, so dear ones, please ask God to touch my body and heal me that I might be able to care for my family. Also pray that I will ever be humble and obedient, doing His will. Pray for my husband. He is bothered with nervousness. Also pray for the children.—A sister, Ruby Kendrick, Kentwood, La.

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I have a gospel tent to sell, 60x90 ft., waterproof. Price \$70.00, good for three or four years. Will sell on terms if so other way, of \$35.00 down and \$35.00 in thirty days. A wonderful bargain for such a large gospel tent.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. D. L. Wing, 418 Pand St., Ocala, Fla.

GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR GOOD ACCOMPLISHED

MORGANTOWN, Miss.—On April 15th, 1933 a meeting of the Church of God at Morgantown, Miss. began and time in its tireless flight alone will reveal the true worth of it. The people of this country have never had the opportunity of witnessing the manifestation of the Spirit of God in such a way. After about two weeks of real praying the power of God began to convict people of their sins. The meeting closed May 28 with forty-eight new members added to the Church of God. All told fifty-seven were filled with the Holy Ghost and many were saved from their sins. Among the conspicuous men and women receiving the Holy Ghost and being added to the church were: R. R. Walker, Baptist minister, superintendent of High School and graduate of Mississippi College and Mrs. R. R. Walker, a graduate of Hillman College. Both are splendid, spiritual material and no doubt will be an uplift to the church.

For four weeks the meeting was conducted by Brother Fowler whose preaching and service was fine. We are grateful to God and to him for much accomplished. The real results of this meeting will be felt when we have crossed the spiritual river and have been ushered into the presence of the King of kings.

What a glad day there will be when the scenes of this life are left behind and when we stand on high with victory after we have had a fight in this life. I thank God for the Holy Ghost and His power.

The Church of God is now rising to new spiritual heights and has become a citadel of strength to which people are fleeing to escape the carnal storms whose clouds are now forming on the horizon of every nation.

There is no death; the stars go down

To rise upon some other shore,

And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown,
They shine forever more.

We thank God for Brother Sharp and wife, the pastor of the local church. — Andrew J. Beard.

GOD WORKING IN MICHIGAN

DETROIT, Mich.—Brother Earl Paulk, our state overseer, was on the air July 18 over radio WMPC at Lapeer. It was a thirty minute program— from 12:00 o'clock to 12:30 noon. The W.C.T.U. who were scheduled to follow them were so well pleased with the songs that our dear folks sang that they insisted that they render several numbers for them on their period and of course they gladly obliged them.

Brother Paulk was in charge of a revival at Flint from July 12th to the 21st, and Brother J. L. Underwood and J. A. Lewis continuing. The harvest is ripe, but the workers are few. There are so many hungry souls crying out for God and so few of us to carry the Word to them. O God, give us strength to do our little bit and bless our humble efforts, is my prayer tonight.

Our new Church of God No. 2 at Detroit reports that they have enjoyed some wonderful blessings from God in their services. We hope to have a glad surprise for you in the very near future, God being our helper. Please pray for us up here in Michigan, that God's blessed Word may go forth in great power, and pray also that I may ever do His will.— H. F. Drew.

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VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

The Virginia state convention of the Church of God convened in Pulaski, Va. Aug. 17-20, with our state overseer, Brother Laud L. Vaught, in charge. He had a well arranged program. At 7:30 p. m. the 17th a large crowd gathered under our big tent, where we could well seat and accommodate the people. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother W. B. Davis. It was brief but encouraging to all to feel at home. With eager eyes we were watching the ministers coming in from their different fields of labor, and as their time to speak or to give in their report came, our hearts were made glad. As I viewed the ministers, while some were bringing forth their messages, I thanked the Lord for the ministers in Virginia. We enjoyed every message that was given, as they were given out with victory and in unity of the Spirit. We said in our hearts all the way thru the convention, "Welcome to our town, welcome to our pulpit." Some ministers came in from West Virginia and we surely did appreciate having them with us and enjoyed their messages very much. We were sorry that some on the program did not get to come, but we were glad that others were available to fill in their places.

I believe the first car that came in was our Editor and Publisher, Brother E. C. Clark, and his family, and we surely were glad that they could be with us at this time. Brother Clark had the opportunity to deliver three or four messages, which were very interesting, instructive, and inspiring, and I believe I can speak for the whole audience and say they were enjoyed and appreciated by all.

We feel we can say God's smile was on us during this convention, as the longer it lasted the better it got. He made known His presence in various ways. Sweet fellowship and unity prevailed. We were sorry that we had to run a little piece in the Evangel that we could only care "or the ministers free, as that was a disappointment to some, while others came on anyway and were well cared for.

When Sunday night came, the last of the convention, with handshakes and good-byes, our hearts were made glad because we had been made to rejoice in the good messages, and singing and had had the privilege of meeting with God's people. God is love and God's people love each other.—Mrs. W. B. Davis, clerk.

EAST ALTON DISTRICT CONVENTION

The East Alton district convention of the Church of God was held at Lincoln Avenue Church of God, East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 8-10. On Friday evening services opened at 7:30 with songs, prayers, and music. The sweet spirit of fellowship was among all the saints. A praise service led by Brother Daulton M. Short was enjoyed by all. God blessed while the saints shouted and danced for joy. After this Brother C. W. Florence, pastor of the local church,

preached the introductory message which was enjoyed by all. Every one was made to feel at home.

At 2:00 p. m. Saturday services began with singing and praying, everyone enjoying the presence of God. We had talks of fifteen minutes each by Brother Maynard Swart and Sister Louise Veteto. These messages though short were full of fire and were greatly enjoyed by all. After this the writer preached on "The Unspotted Church." After a prayer for the sick we adjourned.

At 7:00 p. m. the Lord met with us in power blessing us all from the opening song until the close of the service. In this service we enjoyed two soul stirring messages, one by Brother Walter Aldrich and the other by Brother Richard Freeman. Then two brethren preached in the absence of Sister Cross.

Sunday at 9:30 a. m. services opened with a feast from the Lord in songs and prayers. The Sunday School lesson was taught from the stand by the teacher of the Men's Bible Class. The writer, in the absence of Brother M. P. Cross, preached on "God's Sheep and Oxen." Then came the noon hour with a long table filled with many good things from the hand of Him who supplies all our needs. The good sisters certainly are deserving of much praise for their labor in preparing such a feast. The "Oxen and the Sheep" ate together and enjoyed it. After this feast we had another and it was just a great time of feasting throughout the remainder of the day. On this afternoon we had three good messages which were really one. Brother Henry Freeman preached on "Walking With God." This message was delivered with the power of the Holy Ghost. Brother Walter Aldrich followed with a message on "Making The Goal," the Holy Ghost setting His approval on it by speaking out, and His power was felt by us. We are assured if He guides us we are sure to make the goal. This message was followed by "What Will Heaven Be" by Brother Edward Romacker. We had reports of the different churches in the East Alton district, while the saints shouted and danced. We think this was the best part of the convention. Everybody, saint and sinner, seemed to enjoy it so much, and we feel that lasting good was done. Two years ago there was but one Church of God in this district. Now there are four and another could be set in order any time.

At the evening service God blessed so wonderfully. There was shouting, dancing, running, and a great wave of glory swept over the crowded house. I believe the house was filled to its capacity. This rejoicing lasted twenty minutes and was followed by prayer. The power came down and God set His approval on the service. Brother Daulton Short consented to fill in the absence of Brother Elmer Black, and the Lord blessed in a great way. The closing message was brought by Brother Florence. It seemed the Lord kept the best till the last. After the message we had an old fashioned handshaking with

good-byes and God bless you, and are looking forward to the General Assembly as our next privilege of assembling with the multitudes of saints.

We regretted very much the absence of our state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister M. P. Cross, Brother Cross being physically unable to attend. We also regretted that Brothers Black, Oneal, and others could not be with us. They surely missed a good time in the Lord. Remember the East Alton district in your prayers, please. — Forest S. Ash, district pastor.

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PETERSBURG, W. VA. DIST. CONVENTION

The Petersburg district convention of the Church of God convened at Bayard, W. Va., Sept. 1-3, J. M. Kile, district overseer, in charge. Brother Kile gave the welcome address Friday night after the song service, prayer, and special music. Responses were given by Brothers Elgie-man, Arthur Cullers, and Z. H. Moon. A message on "Unity" was given by Arles T. Little. We felt that this message was needed and the saints were benefited by it. Brother Arville Shreve brought a message on "Power of Faith and Prayer" at 9:00 p. m.

9:30 a. m. Saturday service opened with songs, prayers, and music. Brother R. T. Hull brought the message on "Our Duties and Obligations to God." Every one enjoyed this message which was given in the spirit of deepest humility. Brother H. N. Scoggins, state overseer, preached on "Pure Religion" at 10:25 a. m. Surely every one was made to feel his need of pure religion. Ira Hebb brought a short but good message on "Contending for the Faith."

In the afternoon at 2:30 Brother J. A. Bixler preached on "Victory Through Suffering." This sermon was backed by the power of God. Brother J. H. Sisler preached a short, beneficial sermon on "Workers Together." Brother J. M. Kile preached on "Divine Healing."

Saturday night after songs, prayers and music, a testimony service was led by Sister A. T. Smith. The power of God fell and we felt it was a blessing to have Sister Smith with us. Brother Scoggins preached on the "Holy Ghost," after which an altar call was given.

Song service began at 9:00 a. m. Sunday, and at 9:30 the Sunday School lesson was taught from the stand by Arthur Cullers. Brother Scoggins preached on "The Children of Abraham" and Brother Bixler preached on "The Need of Missions." In the afternoon we had a special program by the C. of G. Y. P. E. A play entitled "Whatsoever Ye Sow" was given by the Church of God Young People's Endeavor of Bayard, W. Va.

Sunday night God came on the scene and blessed in a mighty way in the prayer service. A praise service was conducted by Brother Brown Riggleman. Brother Bixler brought the message on the "Second Coming of Jesus." This was our best service. Six were added to the church.

Approximately two hundred out-of-town delegates attended the convention. We feel the convention was an uplift to all the saints and friends of the Church of God at this place and surrounding community. The Lord was with us. Please pray for the saints here. The devil has been fighting hard since the convention but if God be for us, who can be against us? We know God is for us as long as we stay in His will. Let us go on and shout the victory in the face of every foe. —Your sister in Christ, Flora Best, clerk.

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